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# ASTORIA FORECAST

Twin Cities at Mouth of Columbia River Next.

**GRAIN DEPOT FOR NORTHWEST** 

Hills Plan to Abandon the Sound for the Swifter Despatch of the Great Staple-Astoria to Take Her Place in New Destiny.

ABERDEEN, Dec. 8 .- (Special to the Astorian.) - The oft-told story that a new city is to be built opposite Astoria on Gray's River is true. This new city will be the creation of James J. Hill, nominally the head of the Great Northern, but as well the dom-Northern Pacific. The new city is to be a Northern Pacific town and the whole scheme for its creation has been worked out.

From a man whose word can be ab solutely depended upon, it is learned the Northern Pacific will build the new city. The land has been purchased, as is known quite generally, and just as soon as the north bank line is completed, as far as Gray's bay, the work of building the town will the cost of building the town will be infinitesimal as compared with the benefits which will accrue.

The building of the new town has been planned because the Northern Pacific has found itself at a disadvantage trying to do business on the Sound. For years the people and press of Astoria have sought to demonstrate that eventually the ocean port ried out. the people of Portland have prevented man who originally furnished the ingrain business to Puget Sound ports. found that it must do business at the cheapest port, and, having no outlet on the Columbia, it will proceed to create one.

The Northern Pacific is building down the north bank of the river from Kalama, and an engineer in the employ of the company says the work is well along toward completion. The line will not stop at Gray's bay, but will be run on to the coast. Theh it will strike north, passing through South Bend and Raymond, and continuing to Gray's harbor, coming out at Cosmopolis. From Cosmopolis the road will be extended into Aberdeen parallel with the present tracks of the company. This means that southwestern Washington is to be looped by the Northern Pacific, which also con-

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loop in northwestern Washington. A gentleman who is connected with the Northern Pacific states that the new city on Gray's bay will be built without delay. Primarily this new city is intended as a point from which grain may be shipped. Coincident with the announcement of the Northern Pacific's abandonment of Puget Sound as a base of operation comes the belated admission that business can be done on the Columbia for just onesixth the cost on the Sound. Astorians will recall the vim with which the press of this city hammered away at this great truth and the poor success with which the campaign for equal rates was attended. It was loudly claimed by the trans-continentals that grain could be handled just as cheaply at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma as at Astoria, yet now the Northern Pacific officials declare the Columbia, the cost is only onesixth that to which they were here-

The new city will be a city in every sense of the word. It will depend mainly upon its shipping, which, of course, would be almost sufficient in itself for the maintenance of a town of 25,000 or more. But Mr. Hill will courage fishing and with an immense he will have his saw mills, box factories and, it is said, furniture factories, a flour mill and other similar institutions. He plans a city of to help us. We know where he stands smokestacks.

latest development scheme is literally true. It comes from a souce which cannot be doubted and was related in he was imposed upon when he was asked to remain stient. The north of the kind ever attempted before. bank line is well along, and the new city will exist in reality just as soon as the development scheme can be car-

When it was suggested to the gentleformation that there was limited depth made this reply:

for our purposes. Between the hay contemplated." and the sea there is just one shoal spot, and we can easily remove that. So far as the Columbia river par is concerned, there will soon be ample depth there. In the past the effort to improve the bar was not an honest one, as you well know, but now the work is progressing with the idea in view of accomplishing results. The railroads have no end of influence in congress, and were enabled to secure

an appropriation for the bar in a year when other rivers and harbors were neglected. You may put it down for certain that the Northern Pacific will not be troubled for depth."

Union Pacific's Recourse. The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad is and has been for some

time a Union Pacific possession. When the Northern Pacific comes down the north bank of the Columbia and cuts into the grain business at the new city on Gray's bay, the community of interest proposition will be eliminated. The railroads will be at each other's throats and the Union Pacific will be forced to meet the competi-

This can only mean that Astoria will be utilized. Of course, competition cannot be successfly met at Portland, because of limited depth and the needless inland towage. Northern Pacific officials admit that the Union Pacific will come down to Astoria with its business, and it really seems that this city's day of deliverance is at last at

Commercial history will be writ in Oregon and Washington during the next 12 months and the grain producers of the inland empire will be released from their thralldom. Astoria must profit immensely in the reararngement now under way.

Portland Gamblers Have Selected a Candidate for Mayor.

**BIG RAKE OFF ON MACHINES** 

Dealers in Portland Claim That Shutting Down the Nickle-in-the-Slot Machines Has Reduced Their Business.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10,-While the clgar dealers have complied with the law closing up nickle-in-the-slot machines, there is a strong undercurrent of resentment against the order of Mayor Lane in closing them up. That there is a sub-rosa plan for retalliation of the money-making adjuncts to their business has already been de-

Those interested in its consummation prefer to be content to let the slot machines and other gambling apparatus lie idle for the next few months. Each sten in their plan will be taken cautiously.

"People may think," said a saloon man and cigar dealer, "that we are going to lie down without a fight, but they are greatly mistaken. We can afford to let things run along for a time because nobody knows when our that, doing business at the mouth of mayor will have another attack of moral rash. His position is too ridiculous for anything. He would have the public believe that he has just discovered that there were laws against playing the slot machine and against dice games, and other forms of gambling, but he knew just as much about it the day he assumed office as he does today, and Chief Gritzmacher knew it long ago, knew as well as he knows it today.

"Hurt our business? Of course it did, and that is why we expect to retaliate. There is a man already mentioned for mayor whom he rely on on the 'open town' proposition, and This story of the Northern Pacific's his position is right. And you can put it as strongly as you like that the saloonmen, the cigar-dealers and the gamblers will raise a campaign confidence to a gentleman who thought fund to elect this man as next mayor of Portland, that will bear anything

"We expect to elect this man and we are assured of protection if he wins. And we expect further to pay for that protection. And, why not? something and be allowed to run our on the north shore of the Columbia, slot machines and other games, than and that the new city could never be it is to have no returns from such what Mr. Hill expectes it to be, he returns from such games? We would come out shead if the matter were "The depth at Gray's hay is ample adjusted on a percentage basis, as is

CLEVELAND IMPROVING.

Condition of Ex-President Shows Slight Improvement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 Grover ogo, was reported slightly better yesterday at his home in Princeton, N. J. In addition to his attack of scute indigestion he has a bad cold. He was able to eat dinner yesterday with his F. Laurin. family but had to return to bed this afternoon.

STAR THEATER.

"A Flag of Truce" opened notwithstanding the weather and counter attractions, to a good sized house.

This play has been seen here before but never in such capable hands and from beginning to finish the piece noved with a dark and a vim that moved with a dash and a vim that carried the audience along with it spell-bound.

Miss Hummel in the leading role of Annie Hairns, played it sweetly, which was about all that could be done with

As Tom and Tim Hewing, taken respectively by Messrs, Montgomery and Elisworth, from a melodramatic standpoint left little to be desired. The strong scene in the third act was played with all the force and strength that the situation called for and the curtain went up three times to long and continuous applause. Harry Blanchard, as Dad Hewins, was, as usual, artistic and his work in the pathetic scenes was natural and touching.

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